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REFERENCES

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are available in prior application serial number 09/929,000, filed August 15, 2001, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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